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**EUGENE R. WEDOFF
BANKRUPTCY JUDGE**

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION**

In re:

**JAMES P. YOUNG and
CAROL A. YOUNG**

Debtors.

Case No. 05 B 13729

Chapter 7

**FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW IN SUPPORT OF ORDER AWARDING TO
CRANE, HEYMAN, SIMON, WELCH & CLAR, ATTORNEYS FOR THE CHAPTER 7 TRUSTEE, FOR
ALLOWANCE AND PAYMENT OF FINAL COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES**

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| TOTAL FEES REQUESTED: | \$3,567.50 | TOTAL COSTS REQUESTED: | \$82.74 |
| TOTAL FEES REDUCED: | \$ 400.00 | TOTAL COSTS REDUCED: | \$ 0.00 |
| TOTAL FEES ALLOWED: | \$3,167.50 | TOTAL COSTS ALLOWED: | \$82.74 |

TOTAL FEES AND COSTS ALLOWED: \$3,250.24

THE COURT HAS UNDERLINED THE ATTACHED TIME AND EXPENSE ENTRIES THAT HAVE BEEN DISALLOWED IN WHOLE OR IN PART. THE NUMERICAL NOTATION THAT APPEARS ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF EACH HIGHLIGHTED ENTRY DISCLOSES THE BASIS FOR EACH DISALLOWANCE. THE NUMERICAL NOTATIONS REFER TO THE ENUMERATED PARAGRAPHS BELOW.

(1) Unreasonable Time

The Court denies the allowance in part of compensation for the following task since the professional or paraprofessional expended an unreasonable amount of time on this task in light of the nature of the task, the experience and knowledge of the professional performing the task, and the amount of time previously expended by the professional or another on the task. *In re Pettibone*, 74 B.R. 293, 306 (Bankr. N.D. Ill. 1987) ("The Court will determine what is the reasonable amount of time an attorney should have to spend on a given project...An attorney should not be rewarded for inefficiency. Similarly, attorneys will not be fully compensated for spending an unreasonable number of hours on activities of little benefit to the estate." *In re Wildman*, 72 B.R. 700, 713 (Bankr. N.D. Ill. 1987) (same).

Dated: August 22, 2006


Eugene R. Wedoff
United States Bankruptcy Court

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>COMMENT</u> | <u>ATTY</u> | <u>HOURS</u> |
|-------------|--|-------------|--------------|
| 04/26/05 | Telephone conference with Barry Chatz re: assets per schedules | GRH | 0.30 |
| 05/02/05 | Telephone conference with attorney Robert Mc Kenzie re: Assets | GRH | 0.20 |
| | Draft Motions, Notice, Order and Affidavit to Retain Counsel | GRH | 1.00 |
| 05/10/05 | Appear in Court to present Motion to Retain Counsel | GRH | 0.80 |
| 04/11/06 | Review claims | GRH | 0.50 |
| 06/14/06 | Preparation of final application for compensation | GRH | 2.70 |
| Total: | | | 5.50 |

① deduct 1 hr